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In Re U.S. Patent Application )  
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Serial No.: 09/479,630                 )  
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Filed: January 7, 2000                 )  
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For:     **ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN A**     )  
           **COFFEE MACHINE FOR**     )  
           **PREPARING COFFEE**     )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment supplementing that filed with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Page 1, before the first line insert -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/479,630, filed January 7, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-24 and insert the following new claims 25 – 36 as follows:

25.     A pouch for use in a container of a coffee machine and for preparing coffee by the passage of water therethrough, the container having a well section therein; said pouch being formed from filter paper and holding coffee grounds;

said pouch having a pill-shaped central portion, said central portion being surrounded by a flat annular sealing portion;

wherein the central portion of said pouch is adapted to lay flat in said well of said container while said sealing portion directs all water through said pouch.

26. The pouch according to claim 25 wherein a bottom of the pouch has a shape substantially corresponding to the shape of the well of the container.

27. The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the pouch comprises a disk-shaped top sheet and a disk-shaped bottom sheet which are interconnected adjacent their longitudinal edges, the interconnected parts of the top and bottom sheets forming said annular sealing portion.

28. The pouch according to claim 27 wherein the dimensions of the bottom disk-shaped sheet from a center of the sheet to the annular sealing portion correspond to the dimensions of the well.

29. The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the annular sealing portion has dimensions substantially corresponding to the dimensions of an annular bottom part of said container.

30. The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the diameter of the inner space of the container is approximately equal to the diameter of the pouch.

31. The pouch of Claim 25 wherein the diameter of said central portion of said pouch is about 74 mm.

32. The pouch of claim 25 wherein the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm.

33. A pouch for use in a container of a coffee machine and for preparing coffee by the passage of water therethrough, the container having a well section therein:

said pouch being formed from filter paper and holding coffee grounds;  
    said pouch having a pill-shaped central portion, said central portion being surrounded by a flat annular sealing portion;

    said pouch comprising a pair of substantially conforming to the well section and oppositely disposed disk-shaped portions, interconnected at said annular sealing portion;

    whereby the central portion of said pouch is adapted to lay flat in said well of said container while said sealing portion directs all water through said pouch.

34.       A pouch according to claim 25 wherein said central portion comprises a ground coffeebed.

35.       A pouch according to claim 25 wherein the diameter of said central portion is about 61mms.

36.       A pouch according to claim 34 wherein the diameter of said coffeebed is about 61 mms.

Respectfully submitted,

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